

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Cal Carsten has been elected Vice Chairman of the Constitutional Revision Committee. Signed, Senator Koch. Mr. President, two new bills. (Read title to LB 153 and LB 154). That is all I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion to have LB 10 sent back to committee, unless I can do it on unanimous consent. It is on General File. It was an Executive Board revisor bill. Emory Burnett has stated that it probably should go back. It has to deal with probate. We talked to Senator Luedtke, and it should go back into the Reference Committee and be referred to a committee for a public hearing. Would it be possible to do that now?

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? Seeing none, it shall be ordered.

SENATOR BARNETT: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes. You had your light on earlier. Did you have an announcement of some sort? It's already been done. Are there other announcements or statements from the floor? Chair recognizes the Speaker, Senator Luedtke.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I just wanted to report to the Legislature that we had our first meeting this morning with the chairpersons, the chairmen of all of the standing committees and all of the committees, including Senator Marvel and Senator Savage. It was a very successful meeting at which we discussed some of the problems of running the committees and the committee structure for the coming session, and particularly the timing of the early weeks of the session. As you know, we had suggested that we meet today and tomorrow and then adjourn until next Monday at 9 o'clock. We have introduced one new innovation which I am going to announce to you today. If there is any objection or any discussion I would like to have it now. Since some of the problems of the past have been that we have wasted so much time early on in the session, we have added one more procedural change that we think will help, and that is that we begin the 17th with our full hearing schedule and that we do so with the addition of one change and that is that we will commence hearings in the morning. In other words, we have indicated that we found out by study, it was indicated to us, that we only met about an hour, hour and a half, during those early sessions, the first couple weeks before bills are generated and brought up on General File by the committees. Therefore, we feel it would be wise to give this time to the committees so that beginning the 17th committee chairmen will be setting hearings at 10 o'clock in the morning. Those of you on committees will be meeting at 10 o'clock in the morning. You will meet here at 9 o'clock, we will adjourn and go to committees at 10 o'clock. You can then, pursuant to the chairmen's desire whether you want to meet until noon and then break for lunch till 1:30 or 2 o'clock, that will be up to the committee. We will then have added to our potential some 20 hours during the first two weeks for committee hearings which will generate these bills, get more of them out to General File. So by the 15th legislative day we will really be ready to go to work here on the floor. This is going to make quite